

OPINION 1169

CATAPHRACTUS PUNCTATUS BLOCH, 1794 (PISCES):
LECTOTYPE DESIGNATION APPROVED

RULING.— (1) The neotype designation for *Cataphractus punctatus* Bloch, 1794 made by Nijssen and Isbrücker, 1967, *Zool. Meded. Leiden*, vol. 42, pp. 28–30, is hereby set aside.

(2) The specific name *punctatus* Bloch, 1794, as published in the binomen *Cataphractus punctatus*, and as interpreted by reference to the lectotype designated by Nijssen & Isbrücker, 1975, *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 32, p. 63 (Humboldt Museum, Berlin, No. ZMB 3149), is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2726.

HISTORY OF THE CASE Z.N.(S.)1950

An application from Dr H. Nijssen and Dr I.J.H. Isbrücker (*Zoölogisch Museum, Amsterdam*) for the replacement by a lectotype of the neotype that they had previously designated for *Cataphractus punctatus* Bloch, 1794, was first received on 7 December 1970. After some correspondence with the applicants, it was sent to the printer on 19 November 1974 and published on 27 March 1975 in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 32, pp. 63–64. No use of the plenary powers was involved.

An objection by Professor Ernst Mayr was answered by the Secretary (*Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 35, p. 198). No other comment was received.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 9 April 1980 the members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule in Voting Paper (1980)3 for or against the proposal set out in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 32, p. 63. At the close of the voting period on 9 July 1980 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative Votes — twenty-one (21) received in the following order: Melville, Holthuis, Vokes, Corliss, Brinck, Trjapitzin, Willink, Mroczkowski, Bayer, Hahn, Kraus, Starobogatov, Sabrosky, Habe, Halvorsen, Nye, Alvarado, Binder, Cogger, Welch, Tortonese

Negative Votes — none (0)

Abstentions: Heppell, Dupuis

No voting papers were returned by Ride and Bernardi.

Mr Heppell commented: 'I abstain. I have no way of judging which specimen would be the better standard of reference for this nominal species.'

Professor Dupuis commented: 'Malgré mon souhait de supprimer un néotype inutile, je considère que nous n'avons pas encore la preuve — à la date du *Bulletin* vol. 35(4), 31 May 1979 — alors que Karrer "is recataloguing the collections of Bloch", de l'authenticité des spécimens retrouvés. Je m'abstiens jusqu'à publication du travail critique annoncé.'

ORIGINAL REFERENCE

The following is the original reference for a name placed on an Official List by the ruling given in the present Opinion:
punctatus, *Cataphractus*, Bloch, 1794, *Naturgeschichte der ausländischen Fische*, vol. 8, p. 90, pl. 377, fig. 2.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the votes cast on voting paper (80)3 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that voting paper has been duly adopted, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 1169.

R.V. MELVILLE

Secretary

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

3 September 1980